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Remarks/Argument

The Examiner's Office Action, mailed March 24, 2004, has been carefully reviewed. Reconsideration of this application, in view of the above amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are pending in the above identified application. The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 5, 7, 10, and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Martinelli et al (5,599,508) in view of Myers et al (4,980,999).

Examiner objected to claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Martinelli et al (5,599,508) in view of Myers et al (4,980,999). Examiner further objected to claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by Martinelli et al (5,599,508) in view of Myers et al (4,980,999) and the admitted prior art on pages 1-3 of the specification.

Examiner objected to claims 2-4 and 8-9, but indicated that claims 2-4 and 8-9, would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claim 1 to include all the limitations of allowable claim 2, thus putting claim 1 in allowable form. As all the limitations of allowable claim 2 have been included in claim 1, applicants have cancelled claim 2.

Claim 1 is the independent base claim of dependent claims 3-14. Accordingly, claims 3-14, by virtue of their dependence from allowable claim 1, are therefore also

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allowable.

Applicants amended claims 3, 4, and 8 to ensure proper dependency in light of claim 2 being cancelled and the limitations of claim 2 being incorporated into claim 1.

Examiner has indicated that claims 15 and 16 are allowable, accordingly no amendment have been made to claims 15 and 16.

In the specification, Examiner identified an informality upon which objection was based. Applicants submit the specification has been amended accordingly to correct for the informality Examiner observed.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now pending, claims 1 and 3-16, in the subject patent application are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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